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Dear Parents,

On April 6, 2008 Major Stuart Adam Wolfer, alumnae of Solomon Schechter Day School of Nassau County, was felled by a rocket attack inside Iraq's Green Zone. A deep sense of loss was felt in our school when this sad news reached us. Our fourth and fifth graders expressed their feelings of loss by writing letters of condolences to the Wolfer family.

We recently received a phone call from Beverly Wolfer Nerenberg, Major Wolfer's sister, thanking us for our support and saying how touched her family was by our thoughtfulness. Beverly lives in Manhattan and her children attend SAR in Riverdale. Beverly and her parents will be coming to our school on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (please note the change of date) to personally thank our children and to tell them about an ongoing Chesed project their family has supported for the American soldiers in Iraq.

Several years ago, when Stuart Wolfer was assigned to Iraq, Beverly and her family initiated a Chesed project at her children's school. The children are asked to write letters and send care packages to the American-Jewish soldiers who are overseas fighting for freedom. This project is ongoing and we would like to participate – our way of keeping the memory of Stuart Wolfer alive.

Beverly and her parents will talk to the children in grades 3-5 and show a slide show they created. Before the Wolfers come to our school we will have all of our students in grades K-5 make cards and/or write letters to the American-Jewish soldiers currently serving in Iraq. These letters and cards will accompany care packages that we put together and mail to these soldiers.

We ask your participation to send in a few items to add to our care packages.

All food items must be KOSHER.

\* Snack Items (individual bags) e.g. mini-Bamba/mini-popcorn (already popped), Bisli, pretzels

\* 'Krunchers'-brand kosher nacho chips (found at Walgreens)

\* Chocolate bars or other candy items (including M&Ms)

\* Box of cookies or small cake (no mixes - all pre-made)

- \* Carnation canned breakfast drink (no packets)
- \* Granola bars
- \* Dried Fruits &/or Nuts
- \* Mini-packets of tissues
- \* VERY current magazines
- \* VERY current DVDs or CDs
- \* Game books (e.g. Suduko, crossword, wordsearch)
- \* Nice travel posters or pictures to hang up on wall

In addition, the following items will be mailed to a smaller group of Jewish soldiers who keep strictly kosher:

La-Briute or Meal Mart-brand long-last "Amazing Meals"

mini-grape juice (for kiddush)

canned gefilte fish

challah rolls

cup-of-soup

tortillas

If you would like to sponsor the mailing of a package to a soldier (each package is sent separately to an individual soldier) you can do so for \$9/package and/or you can elect to send in a cash donation from which we will purchase supplies for the care packages. All checks should be made payable to SSDS.

Many thanks in advance for your participation in this project.

Dr. Meisha Leibson

Mrs. Sandi Swerdloff

